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couch, said to me in excited fashion;

"I came mighty near not being any-body at all, he said, suddenly becoming serious. That's a fact, I came mighty near not being anybody at all. Nothing but my cussed luck saved me from four kinds of destruction; yes, five kinds of de-struction."

luckiest man in the world. You see, kicking the boat gut from under me threw my pistol hand up, and the bullet went through the rope, cutting it in half, so that I fell in the water. Well, the water put all the fire, and I swallowed so much of the dirty stuff that I got sick and was relieved of the arsenic. Brosh, if I hadn't known how to swim I'd a-drowned right there." "Say, what kind of a pipe dream is this, snyway?" I asked.

sny, what kind of a pape decay.

"Just one of my stories,' said the man, suddenly becoming business-like. T'm Larrigan, the comic juggler, and I tell stories like that one while I juggle. Can you book

however, Mr. Thomas fulfilled his threat—the great play came from him. "Arizona" is its name, and last night it was produced at the Grand opera house. It was an inspiring, unflinching true picture of life—not merely of life at a army post or on a ranch in Arizona, but of life in the larger sense, of people who live and breathe in very truth anywhere and everywhere the world over, it is a great play in all the essential qualities—it is a beautifully constructed drama, the characters are painted in the finest oils—not merely drawn in black and white—the dialogue is rich in original wit and deliciously racy humor—the interest begins with a trumpet call, so to speak, which none can fall to regard, is sustained through every scene and by most deft deteles with the current of the second of the s

we may expect to see, say, once in five years. It was a genuine first night, but there was no trace of the usual stammer ing or awkwardness of the actors. Mr Thomas not only wrote the play, but grant Thomas not only wrote the play, but granting all proper credit to the actors, one felt that almost he acted it also. Hence the perfection of what the unco stagewise call "atmosphere" in this play. It was not merely written on the programme that the scene of the play was Arizona—it was Arizona on the stage. The ranchman, the cowboys, the cavalrymen, the women folk belonged to the region in which the scene painter had placed them. Walter Burpainter had placed them. Walter Burridge and Charles H. Ritter, by the way, had painted pictures of Artzona ranch and army post scenery which really helped the

play.

The story of "Arizona," while direct and simple in substance and clear as crystal in the telling, would easily make a nice fat volume as a novel, and we cannot hope to do more than indicate just the skeleton of the plot. We find ourselves first in the courtyard of a ranchman's place, surrounded by a quaint adobe building, under the blazing sun. There we find army officers of the Eleventh United States cavalry on intimate terms with Henry Canby, the ranchman, and his family. Colonel Bonham, of the Eleventh, has married the ranchman, and his family. Colonel Bonham, of the Eleventh, has married the ranchman adagnet. He is an eilerly man, Colonel Bonham, and his young wife has fallen under the almost hypnotic influence of Captain Hodgman. She consents to clope with the captain, but Lieutenant Denton, who is in love with her sister, at the point of a gun frustrates their plans. But as Lieutenant Denton is pleading with the misguided wife to give up the cuptain forever, Colonel Bonham returns to the post and by an accidental train of circumstances is led to suspect Lieutenant Denton of being his wife's lover. Out of tender regard for the young officer's father Colonel Bonham bids him resign from the regiment. To save the wife's name and reputation Lieutenant Denton makes no explanation and resigns.

Then Denton goes back to the ranch and wins his sweetheart in short order. But his old regiment comes that way and Captain Hodgman, out of sheer malice, tells Ranchman Canby that Lieutenant Denton left the regiment because he compromised a brother officer's wife. Denton and Hodgman The story of "Arizona," while direct and

man Canby that Lieutenant Denton left the regiment because he compromised a brother officer's wife. Denton and Hodgman meet a moment later and Denton hits his enemy in the face with his hat and prepares to shoot him. A shot comes from the doarway, however, where a Mexican, Tony Mostana, has just entered. Tony shoots and kills Hodgman because he has just discovered that the rascally captain had betrayed the girl he loves. But all these motives in the play are but suggested and, while we know the truth, the identity of the man who fired the fatal shot seems as really involved in doubt to us as to the the man who fired the fatal shot seems as really involved in doubt to us as to the people in the play. This is the great trick of the dramatist, of course. And he does not really dissipate these lingering doubts till the greaser, Tony, comes forward and confesses that his revolver did the work. This occurs in the last act and clears Lieutenant Denton, of course, Other discoveries are made by Colonel Bonham and the real character of Lieutenant Denton's relations to Mrs. Bonham is established. She pleads character of Lieutehant Denton's relations to Mrs. Bonham is established She pleads for forgiveness, but Colonel Bonham leaves with his regiment, bound for Cuba, without a word, but we see him pick up a rose she has dropped and thrust it away in his blouse as the curtain falls, and we know that she will find her way back to his heart. Lieutenant Denton embraces his inamorata, of course—and the Mexican, who has cleared the atmosphere with one shot from his gun, escapes upon his feet horse before the finale comes—so that all is serene and cheerful at last. But the conventions have been ripped apart and riddled by Mr. Thomas, and if he has had the kindness to send us home happy at heart he hasn't broken faith with nature to do it.

Word comes from London that the dramatization of "Sherlock Holmes" upon which William Gillette is now hard at work with Conan Doyle will not deal with any which William Gillette is now hard at work with Conan Doyle will not deal with any way and the destroyer of Lieutenant Denton emphase to have been ripped apart and riddled by Mr. Thomas, and if he has had the favorite open is "Lucia di Lammermoor."

Miss Gertrude Concannen has been engaged to the Ottawa Chautaoqua as accompanist and solo planist.

Ada and Louie Wild, daughters of the late John will have signed with Francis Wilson for next season.

Ame. Gadski will give a series of concerts in America next season under the direction of Mr.

matization of "Sherlock Holmes" upon which William Gillette is now hard at work with Coman Doyle will not deal with any one of the detective stories in particular, but will simply show Holmes as the central figure in what will be almost entirely an original play. It has been suggested several times already that it would be a capital idea for Mr. Gillette to take Raffles, the hero of Horning's story, "The Amateur Cracksman," and put him in the drama as a foll to Holmes. But it seems to us that this would be merely spoiling two first-

LARRIGAN GOT A JOB.

class heroes instead of creating one good one. Besides, if it came to the point of a duel of wits it is more than possible that the crafty and polished Raffles would prove more than a match for Sherlock himself.

Agent.

From the New York Sun.

"A curious looking chap ran in here the other day," said the vandeville booking seent, "and throwing himself down on that the control of the cont

other day," said the vaudeville booking agent, "and throwing himself down on that bouch, said to me in excited fashion:

"That's the narrowest escape I ever had."

"Who are you, anyway?" I asked.

"I came mighty near not being anybody at all. Nothing hear not being anybody at all. he said, suddenly becoming hear not being anybody at all. Nothing hear not being anybody at all. Others hear of Lieutenant Dan Godfrey's hand. When he scholar hear of Lieutenant Dan Godfrey's heard to the flat time in English by the Carl Rosa opera the flat was in the lieutenant Dan Godfrey has in the flat was in the least of Lieutenant Dan Godfrey's hand. The late of

stolet him talk himself out. I wasn't busy, anyway, and he struck me as being kind of funny.

"Weil, I suppose you're going to tell me all about it," I said. 'Fire away.

"I'm the luckiest man in the world, he said, 'and you'll agree with me when I'm through, I got up this morning feeling very blue. When I got through eating my breakfast I was bluer than ever. By 10 clock I was dead certain that the only rest for me was in death. I got more and more struck on this idea the more I thought about it. Finally I just made up my mind that I do it, and, having come to that wonclusion, I swore I'd make a clean job of it, so I went out and bought a can of kerosene oil, a box of matches, two ounces of arsenic, twenty yards of good strong rope and a big revolver. With its outfit i went up on the Harlem rive and got a boat. I rowed along until fame to a quiet spot where there was a tree, with a long branch extending out over the river. I stopped under this branch and ited the rope to it. Then I made an loses on the end of the rope, put it around my neck and hauled it so tight that when my neck and hauled it so tight have my neck and hauled it so tight that when my neck and haule

summer in England, fill her contracts with the Drury Lane theater and then retire from the stage.

The new play written by Brander Matthews and Bronson Howard for William H. Crane is to he called, "Peter Stuyeeant, Governor of New Amsterdam," and deals with the early history of Greater New York, when it was a small village under the government of the Dutch. The company engaged to support Mr. Crane in this production are Messers. William Courtleigh, William Ingersoll, George Fawett, Boyd Putman, William Ingersoll, George Fawett, Boyd Putman, William Sampson, W. S. Truesdell, George Barrows, W. S. Dupont, George P. De Vere, and the Misses Percy Haswell, Seline Johnson, Sandol Milliken and Leila Bronson. The play will receive its initial New York production at Wallack's theater, on October 9 next.

Mrs. Jennie Schultz announces an evening recital, July 10, at the studies of Mrs. Carl Busch. The entire programme will be rendered by Mr. Francis Fischer Powers, of New York, and will be the last opportunity of hearing this great artist here this season. The programme will consist of the works of Schuman, Schubert, Brahms, Handel, Moszhowski, Tschaikowsky, Wagner, Dvorak, Spicker, Rels. Bungert, Raff and a few of the modern ballad writers. The welections are chosen not only to show each beauty of Mr. Powers' wonderful bartione voice, but to please all music lovers as well. Mr. Powers is said to have the most perfect "mezzo voice." Mrs. Schultz is Mr. Powers' accompanist.

Referring to the soloists at the late Saengerfest bedd in Moberly during the week, the Moberly The future of Daly's theater is a matter which only time will decide. It is known that Mr. Daly left a voluminous

known that Mr. Daly left a voluminous like that one while I luggle. Can you book me?"

"I booked Larrigan for the balance of the season, and I venture to say that no comedian ever got a job by such novel methods before."

STORIES AND GOSSIP OF THE STAGE.

From the Chicago Chronicle: Fer a good many years, although he is still a young man, Augustus Thomas has been threatening to write a great play. He has written ing to write a great play. He has written in the committee of the several very good plays, within two weeks.

known that Mr. Daly left a voluminous will, and it is reasonably certain that in it he left careful directions. The Future his Broadway property will be of put. Sixteen years of the lease of his playhouse remain.

Before he left for Europe a few weeks ago he had practically completed his arrangments for next year, and, if desirable, Manager Richard Dorney will be able to carry them out. But nothing definite as to the outcome will be known until after a conference with Mrs. Daly, which will probably take place within two weeks.

Schult is Mr. Powers' accompanist.

Referring to the soloists at the late Saengerfest held in Moberly during the week, the Moberly Evening Democrat says: "Mabel Haas-Speyer delighted the audience at the second annual Saengerfest with the phenomenal range of her voice and her wonderful execution; hence, she was received with great applause last evening. With queenly grade and strong impressive personality, she sang 'I Am Thine Forever' and 'Rosamonde,' 'La Papillon' (The Butterfly') was Mabel Haas-Speyer's theme on her second appearance. Her delicate staccatos, clear, heautiful runs and trills were exquisite, and at times her notes could scarcely be distinguished from the trills of her plano accompanist. Her response to the encore was a humorous selection happily rendered." ten several very good plays, frequently the best of the season, and for some years he has easily led the not very imposing procession of American dramatists. Last week, however, Mr. Thomas fulfills, the syndicate, but this is only the wildest conjecture. Mr. Daly was not in sympathy with the syndicate, and he often sacrificed financial returns for artistic excel-

TRICKS OF SELF-DEFENSE.

Ways in Which Skill Is Made to Tell Against Superior Strength and

Numbers.

cane jarred on the upper part of t sternum and the fellow dropped as if sh

sternum and the fellow dropped as if shot howling with pain. The next man followed and the third bolted. Then the man rolled and lit a cigarette and walked away, have tried that trick with good effect Done rightly it is a dead sure fall and a pretty hard one. It is even better than the old trick of leading at the forehead with the open paim, thrusting the head back and getting in with the left under this w.

From the New York Sun.

dialogue is then in the distribution of the position in art to-day is gathered from all points of the theatrical gathered from all points of the theatrical compass and then welded together by a manager, and her position in art to-day is masterly hand—Mr. Thomas cannot dodge masterly hand—Mr. Thomas cannot dodge masterly hand—Mr. Thomas cannot dodge factor in his successes and an observer of self-defense," said an old sporting man, but it seems to me that it is only an elaboration of what almost every man who followed the game in past days had to know or go under. Now, take the case of that Jap a tew weeks ago in New York. He had drunk a little wine and was making a noise and so he was arrested. He a factor in his successes and an observer of the causes of his failures. She commands the admiration of American audiences and stands near if not at the head

mands the admiration of American audiences and stands near if not at the head of her profession.

France has its great actress manager in Sarah Bernhardt. In England Mrs. Langtry has only recently taken a theater which she will direct. Mrs. John Drew proved her ability as the manager of a theater players have proved their abilities as managers in New York.—New York Wordt.

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Gibbs, and a daughter of McKee Rankin, charged her husband with improper conduct with several women at vacious hotels in this city and Boston. She testified that she was married to the defendant at Charleston, S. C., on March 8, 18%. They have two children, of which she asked the custody. Gibbs did not put in a defense, and Justice Scott adjourned the further hearing of the sult until some additional witnesses could be produced on behalf of the Plaintiff.

Gur illustrious representative of the American stage in London. Miss Edna May, has been conversing with a reporter on the dreams and aspirations of ambitions, one "Rese" Field "As to my ambitions, one always hopes for the impossible I read Shakespeare's trasedle in my sleeples of the content of the plaintiff.

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American stage in London, Miss Edna May, has been conversing with a reporter on the dreams and aspirations of ambitious youth. The lady says:

"As to my ambitions, one always hopes for the imposon Certain sible. I read Shakespeare's a tragedies in my sleepless hours, and imagine myself a tragedy queen playing Lady Macbeth and Cleopatra and Volumnia, but I fear they are only idle dreams."

Why merely idle dreams and why impossible? Is not Mr. Frohman in London at this very moment, and has Mr. Frohman lost his interest in a charming woman and in the works of his old friend William? If Miss Edna wishes to appear as Lady Macbeth or Cleopatra why should she not be gratified? She is pretty and winsome and popular with a large circle of discriminating young men, and we have no doubt that a man of Charles Frohman's quick perceptions will find an easy way of disposing of a few traditional difficulties. Edna must not be so modest. The very moment that we saw her Salvation Army girl in "The Belle of New York" we declared that at last we had stumbled on the young woman to give us a perfectly delightful Lady Macbeth of the Frohman the young woman to give us a perfectly delightful Lady Macbeth of the Frohman delightful Lady Macbeth of the Frohman school. We think that possibly as Cleopatra Phyllis Rankin might excel Edna May, and we must concede to Miss Dressler certain advantages as Volumnia, but as Lady Macbeth, with two months for Charles Frohman to work it up, Edna would have a cinch. We are glad that Edna is woolng William in her sleepless hours, for it is much more improving and soul-satisfying them dissecting broiled lobsters and crabs with Willie boys. We hope soon to hear of Edna's triumphant Shakespearean debut in the Grand opera house at Guam.

in Clyde Fitch's dramatization of 'Sapho.

Seymour Hicks and Elialine Terriss will appear with Charles Frohman in the production of 'My Daughter-in-Law' at the London Criterion in Sectioner. Mr. Hicks may appear in America later.

Fleurette will join hands next season with Frank Gardner, the comedian. They will be members of the Joseph Hart vaudeville company, and will present an entirely new sketch written for them by Joseph Hart. ARE GREATLY REDUCED BY FIGHT-ING COMPANIES IN KANSAS CITY.

Alberta Gallatin has had an offer from John C, Fischer to originate a prominent role in Madame Modjeska's new play, "Marie Antoinette," to be pro-duced in New York at the Fifth Avenue theater next uperintendent Orear Investigating

Frankfurt Casualty Company and the Maryland Plate Glass Company. The rate was shaded a little in order to obtain more premiums. As a result, the other companies, including the Metropolitan Plate Glass Company, Union Casualty, of St. Louis; Fidelity and Casualty, New York Plate Glass Company and Lloyds' Plate Glass Company, entered into the rate cutting business. In consequence, plate glass insurance is being practically given away in Kansas City at the present time. If the present rates keep up for long, some of the smaller companies will not be able to stand the pressure, and the larger ones will have the profits of several years wiped out. ibrettist, is considering several other titles for his work.

"Les Clorhen de Cornville," which is known hore as "The Chimes of Normandy," was recently song in the little town of Carneville, which possesses no theater, and, more remarkable, never owned a set of bells of any kind. The performance was given in the garden of a hotel and SNI persons, more than the town had ever witnessed before, gathered to hear the performance. Some of the older women work the style of cap popular at the period of the opera and still seen occasionally in the region.

The Philadelphia Times is authority for the statement that the guarantee fund of the proposed permanent Philadelphia orchestra now amounts to about 150,890 or out-fifth of the sum which the promoting committee started out to secure. Those having the matter in charge expect to continue the canvass for subscribers during the summer, and are confident that the first 1100,800 will be the most difficult to obtain, and that once that amount is on hand the needed balance will be quickly forthcoming. It is believed by Ada Rehan's friends that her career as an actress will not continue long, as she has been for the past few years in poor health. Her appearance on many occasions was in despite of the most adverse circumstances. Now that she is deprived of Mr. Daly's assistance and association it is not thought probable that she will care to continue a profession cut of which she has made, it is thought, enough to withdraw with dignaty if she cares to. It is said that she will spend the summer in England, fill her contracts with the Drury Lane theater and then retire from the stage.

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JOHN A. PRESCOTT RESIGNS. Company to Engage in Business

on His Own Account. Mr. John A. Prescott, who for several years has been second vice president and general manager of the Concordia Loan and Trust Company, has resigned his position with that company and opened an office on his own account for the transaction of business connected with loans on real estate and other branches of finanon real estate and other branches of inanciering. His office will be in the New York Life building. It would be almost impossible for any person to enter upon this line of work with better natural ability and better training than Mr. Prescott. After a thorough education at the University of Kansas he immediately entered upon his business career and since that time has been through a long scale of practical work in the financial field. The financial aspect of real estate business and the methods of sound financiering generally have become familiar to him, and his personal contact with and observation his personal contact with and observation of the possible mistakes in the Western financial field have fortified him to the utmost for conservative and successful work.

This experience, coupled with his high standing as a man of industry and integrity, will undoubtedly enable him to make a fine record in his independent line of work. He resigns from the Concordia le resigns from the with regret and does thinks more dollars

SUPT. OREAR INVESTIGATING. Will Look Into the Kansas City Realty and Underwriters' Before Is-

suing Certificates. Superintendent of Insurance E. T. Oreas is now preparing to investigate the Kansas City Realty and Underwriters' Association, which obtained a charter recently ciation, which obtained a charter recently to do business in Kansas City. The outcome of Mr. Orear's investigation will be awaited with considerable interest among insurance men, not only in this city, but all over the state. However, it is generally expected that Mr. Orear will issue the certificates asked for. A certificate was issued to one insurance company, but later the certificate was revoked. A committee which called on Mr. Orear last Tuesday was informed by him that the certificate had been granted by his cierk during his absence and that he had canceled it, pending his investigation.

ing Many Letters of

Inquiry. John A. Bryant, secretary of the Missour Association of Local Underwriters, is swamped with correspondence. He is re-ceiving letters daily from all over the East for information regarding the third an-nual meeting held in this city on June 8-9. The general report has not been published, nor can it be for several weeks to come, but insurance men all over the country are wanting the report. It is now no uncommon remark: "What have you Mis sourians been doing to create such a stir?
The fact is that the educational idea promulgated at this meeting is one of the principal reasons for so much favorable

J. W. Bowman Goes to Europe. J. W. Bowman, manager and resident assistant secretary of the American Surety Company, has gone to New York city to pay his respects to the company's new president, H. D. Lyman.

Mr. Bowman will take a well earned vacation while East. Before returning to Kansas City he will spend a few weeks in Europe.

Insurance Notes.

Major A. Pease, general agent of the Union Central, has gone to Boston, Mass., to reside.

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John Groves, of the firm of Simpson & Groves, returned home Thursday from an extended trip to Chicago.

Thomas S. Ridge, of the firm of Hunter, Ridge & Bryant, was in Plattsburg, Mo., Thursday, looking after some business matters. The General Accident Assurance

The General Accident Assurance Company, of Perth, Scotland, has just entered the United States and surprised all the big home companies by reinsuring all the business of the New England Mutual Accident Association.

A compilation has been made from the sworn statements of forty-seven American companies whose assets are over \$1,000,000 for the year 1898. They collected \$70.488,708 in premiums, paid losses of \$41.390.381, and expenses to the amount of \$77.754,734.

A bill has been introduced in the Cana-

expenses to the amount of \$27.754.734.

A bill has been introduced in the Canadian parliament for the reduction of the standard of the reserve from 4½ per cent to 3½ per cent. The bill makes the standard effective with the beginning of the new year, but does not effect old business for several years.

Messrs, C. A. Walker and C. H. Luling, general agents of the Bankers Life, of Nebraska, have gone on a business trip.

and getting in with the left under the jaw.

"Another very good plan, if tackled by two or more assailants, is to get with the back to a wall and with a light cane or umbrella prod at their eyes. A well known dry goods man was attacked four years ago and put one fellow's eye out and tore a second man's nose.

"Not long ago some one asked Bob Fitz-simmons what was the best thing for a man, unversed in self-defense, to do when tackled, and he said: "Whip off your hat, or pull out your handkerchief, dash it in the face of the man and quickly follow it up with a left hand blow on the solar plexus." Now, this is all right, but how many men not accustomed to the gloves or the punching bag can hit a blow worth bothering about with the left hand? Let some of them try it and they will be astonished! Bob's idea is all right, however." general agents of the Bankers Life, of Nebraska, have gone on a business trip through Southwestern Kansas. The gentlemen will be absent from the city about two weeks, and will unquestionably return with a goodly number of scalps.

Frank Price has just been appointed special agent of the Great Eastern Casualty and Indemnity Company, under General Agent George M. Ackley. Mr. Price is an old resident of Kansas City and is well and favorably known in business and financial circles, which will be of untold assistance to him in his new field of business.

George G. Williams, general agent for

or the punching bag can hit a blow worth bothering about with the left hand? Let some of them try it and they will be astonished! Bob's idea is all right, however."

Why the Palisades Are Not Saved.

From the Philadelphia Times.

It is probable that if the Palisades were in New York they would have been taken as a public reservation, for the Empires state has not been fillberal in such matters, and it is, of course, New York that is chiefly interested in this matter. But New York has no jurisdiction. The land belongs to New Jersey. The Palisades, however, are not seen from that state. It makes no difference to anybody in New Jersey whether they stand or fall—at least no such difference as would induce the legislature to appropriate the money necessary to buy the Palisades and preserve them for the benefit of New York. So all that the New Jersey legislature has done is to create a commission that is authorized to buy the Palisades if anybody will provide the money. As no one has done is to create a commission that is authorized to buy the Palisades if anybody will provide the money. As no one has done this, the commissioners can only stand by and watch the quarrymen and make inadequate remarks.

Mhy the Palisades and right, however, in the Western states, for the Magdeburg Fire Insurance Company, was in the city the Western states, for the Magdeburg Fire Insurance Company, was in the city the Western states, for the Magdeburg Fire Insurance Company, was in the city during the same, some price in Insurance company. Mr. Williams makes his headquarters in Chicago. He was wondefully pleased over the achievements of Kansas City Life Underwriters' Association will hold its last meeting on Monsurers will be held during the summer months. It is important that all members be present as matters pertaining to the national meeting, which will be held in Buffalo, beginning July 12, will come up for discussion. After the regular business greatly surprised the past week on the announcement that Eil. Potter, in point of service

quarter of a century to the business of life insurance and he has made a success of it.

S. E. Rumble, secretary of the Bankers Life Association, reports a successful than Become Quiet and Respectable

Tairmount Park S. E. Rumble, secretary of the Bankers' Life Association, reports a successful and interesting meeting of the stipulated premium life associations in Chicago on the 6th, 7th and 8th. The officers elected were: Colonel E. H. Hibben, Marshall, I.a., president; S. A. Miller, Chicago, vice president; E. R. Titus, Elkport, Ind., secretary, and S. E. Rumble, Kansas City, treasurer. The next meeting will be held in St. Louis in May, 1300.

teries for the purpose of restoring her, the long, weary hours spent in the water causlong, weary hours spent in the water causing severe pains and rheumatism. Since she learned to swim Miss Beckwith has had the satisfaction of saving forty-nine lives, and she has been decorated with medals by several governments and by Humane societies.

At Fairmount park Miss Beckwith will give exhibitions of fancy and trick swimming, illustrating all the strokes in use, including the popular Reckwith backward including the popular Reckwith backward.

ming, illustrating all the strokes in use, including the popular Beckwith backward sweep, which was invented by her. She will also show how drowning people act, and how to save them. These exhibitions will be given in the lake, three times today, and twice on each day of the week. The bill in the theater will include the Faust family, European stars, who are noted for their varied accomplishments; Almont and Dumont, known as the "instrumental hussars;" Harry Fitzgerald, the celebrated lightning change artist; Frank and Don, the humorous comedians; Edna Aug, character comedienne, and the Arnold pantomine company, which will be seen in an act especially for the children. Lenge's Orpheum Military band will play in the grandstand, and this afternoon there will be a gall game between the Kansas City Billiard Wakers and the Prope Lune will be a gall game between the Kansas City Billiard Makers and the Bruce Lum-ber team at the athletic park. Programmes at Troost.

Programmes at Troost.

If as many people go to Troost park as last Sunday the attendance will be unusually large, but the management is preparing for even greater crowds than one week ago. In order that the crowd may enjoy litself to the fullest, the management has provided hundreds of extra seats in front of the band stand, and all will be able to hear the music without being put to any discomfort. While the animal cages and the boats possess interest for many of the visitors there are few who do not spend at least a part of their time in front of the band stand listening to the excellent music furnished by Zimmerschied's Military band. The programmes which Professor Zimmerschied has arranged for to-day will be found to contain the representative works of the composers of light music. Pleasing selections from such operas as "Favorita." "Carmen." "Puritani." "Rigoletto" and "The Jolly Musketeers" have been included in the list, while there will be two novel in Kansas City. At each concert on and after to-day there will be a solo by one of the members of the band, the one for the first week being presented by Louis Bennett, the trombone player, who will render "The Avalanche." The evening programme will contain "My Old Kentucky Home," with variations for all the instruments. a new police patrol and the overture to "Fra Diavola." The programme for the afternoon concert, which will begin at 3:15, is:

Belle of New York March (Clark).

Selection. "Favorita" (Denizetti).

Concert Waitz (Bendix).

Toreador Song, from "Carmen" (Bizet).

Overture, "Puritani" Beilinii.

Galop, "Clear the Track" (Phil S. Rose).

Intermission.

Coronation March, from "The Prophet" (Meyerbeer).

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eer). Celebrated quartette from "Rigoletto" (Verdi). Trombone solo, "The Avalanche" (Bennett). I Sennett.

(a) "Alabama Dream." first time here (Barnari);

b) "Shuffling Jasper," first time here (Scouton).

Paraphrase. "Lovely" (Nesvadra).

Selection, "The Jolly Musketeer" (Edwards).

Tuberculosis and Trains.

From the Hospital.

Our contemporary, the Railway Surgeon, in a recent number, calls attention to the danger of infection by the tubercle bacillus to which railway travelers are exposed. It may be remiembered that in 1880 and 1881, when Koch's tuberculin discovery brought large numbers of consumptives to Berlin, it was found that the carriages in which these sufferers had traveled had become infected. Since that time Petri has made elaborate researches to determine whether the tubercle bacillus is commonly present in the dust of railway cars, in what class of carriage it is most frequent, and in what parts of the car the dust has the highest infective properties. As might have been anticipated, the first and second classes were freer, than the third and fourth, but dust from all these was found to contain the specific germ of consumption. Of ninety-one guinea pigs inoculated with scrapings from the floor, twenty-six were infected. It is obvious that the floors of our railway carriages, covered as they frequently are with expectantion seldom. rom the Hospital.

lings from the floor, twenty-six were infected. It is obvious that the floors of our railway carriages, covered as they frequently are with expectoration, seldom washed, never freely exposed to air or sunlight, are most fertile breeding grounds for the germs of consumption.

The Prussian minister of public works has now made an order that all railway cars shall be cleansed periodically at specified depots. Carpets and upholstery must be treated with steam, and all woodwork washed with potash soap, rinsed with water, and rubbed dry. We would suggest that a further improvement in the hygiene of the cars might be brought about by the adoption of leather or other impervious coverings for cushions, by the substitution of linoleum for the present floor carpeting, and by the provision of spittoons for use, especially in the smoking carriages. The chief district sanitary inspecter of Perthshire points out that the new public health act for Scotland provides that the local sanitary authority may "make by-laws for securing the cleaniliness and sanitary condition of public conveyances plying within its district," and indicates his intention of framing a code of by-laws to secure the much-needed improvement. In view of the danger that undoubtedly exists it is desirable that these powers be extended to all parts of the kingdom, and the traveling public protected from a peril which, although unseen, is as real as that from collision or other railway accident.

Queer Sign in a Window. from the Cumberland Times.

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A few days ago it was stated that the Rev. Albert Bruchlos, until recently pastor of the German Reformed church on North Liberty stret, had placed a peculiar sign in the front window of a house on Valley street, which he rented from Mr. Gottlieb Buckhard. The sign then referred to contained the words: "House Haunted."

Yesterday afternoon the passers along that thoroughfare were startled by another placard which made its appearance in an upper front room containing the following inscription:

FOR RENT. To anyone who moves in. At least 7 spirits CUT FRIGHTFUL FACES. Make Hissing, Then Weeping Sounds in Lower Back Room. The sign is in a window adjoining th

The sign is in a window adjoining the one containing the "haunted house" sign. The buil dog still remains within, and warns those who would linger near of his presence.

A Theory. "What makes all that noise in the radia-tor?" inquired the nervous man.
"I don't know," answered the chilly friend, "but I suspect it's so cold that its teeth are chattering."

period," said John R. Bentley, of Buffalo.

respectable metal. The person who first brought it into public notice was a nov-elist who has foreshadowed more great sci-CHAMPION LADY SWIMMER.

Miss Cora Beckwith Will Be the Star Attraction as Fairmount This Weck.

The plate glass companies are everlastingly at war with each other and the buy-rest of this kind of insurance are greatly benefited. The rate on plate glass is being sold by the best of companies from one-third to give the public a real continuous performance is an as light best of companies from one-third has been as slight shading in Kansaa city since January, but only in the last few weeks have rates been smashed all to pleces. The war is now on all over the country and may continue for some time to come. The big companies cannot get to give the public a real continuous performance, the entire programme being pre-thas been a slight shading in Kansaa city since January, but only in the last few weeks have rates been smashed all to pleces. The war is now on all over the country and may continue for some time to come. The big companies cannot get to more bitter.

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A few years after this feat Miss Beckwith astonished the world which is interested in aquatics by floating on her back in a tank of water for twelve hours a day and for forty days in succession. Her first floating exhibition lasted for seven days. Then she increased the number of cays to fifteen, then to thirty, then to forty, a test of endurance which physicians said could never be accomplished. During the time she was in the water Miss Beckwith's food was brought to her on a tray, and she particok of it while she was floating. As soon as she left the tank for the day she was taken in charge by her physicians, who applied drugs and electric batteries for the purpose of restoring her, the long, weary hours spent in the water can.

From Harper's Weekly.

There is some coffee land on all the islands, but Hawaii is the only one of the group that has land for public settlement. This is true of other industries than coffee. The principal coffee districts in the island of Hawaii are-Kona, 48,000 acres; Puna, 67,000 acres; and Hilo, 195,000 acres; Puna, 67,000 acres; and Hilo, 195,000 acres; but a comparatively small percentage of this acreage is planted with coffee or suitable to its cultivation. In all three of these districts, and especially in Hilo, the government is surveying and opening land for settlement as rapidly as possible. And as fast as the land is put on the market it is being taken up; for the government sells it for from \$5 to \$10 per acre, while the boom at the town of Hilo-Hawaii-enables speculators to get \$50, \$60 and even \$100 per acre for the same land, while about \$30 to \$60 per acre must be reckoned on additionally for clearing the jungle.

Careful figuring reckons the cost of caring for a coffee plantation at from \$150 to \$200 per acre for five years. There a comparatively small quantity of land for outright sale-nearly all the desirable land on all the islands is owned or held under long leases, some of them so long as thirty years, which is the limit of life of the coffee tree under cultivation. On Maul, Kauai, and some little on Oahu, coffee has coffee tree under cultivation. On Maui Kauai, and some little on Oahu, coffee has been planted, and prospects reported "flat-tering," but only on Hawaii have there as yet been results tangible enough for some estimate of profits. Fortunately, on none yet been results tangenerately, on non-estimate of profits. Fortunately, on non-estimate of profits any species of blight of the its appearance. Taking a fair this stage of the made its appearance. Taking a average of success at this stage of industry, a conservative estimate on commencement of the fifth year places profit at 15 to 20 per cent on the origina

An Expensive Lesson

From the Detroit Free Press.

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"My wife has a way of jogging my memory that I am hardly in sympathy with," said Smith, with a sorry smile, as he filed away his last month's gas bill.

"About a month ago, as I was preparing to come down town she handed me a letter with the injunction to be sure and mail it at the first mail box that I came to. I promised and put the letter away in my pocket.

"Now, don't forget, she called after me, "as the letter is very important."

"I won't I answered and straightway proceeded to forget all about it.

"The other day I chanced to be going through my pockets when I was surprised by coming across the letter that my wife had given me to mail four weeks before. Remembering that she had said it was very important I glanced at It to see to whom it was addressed.

"I was thunderstruck to find that it was addressed to me. Thinking that my wife must have taken leave of her senses I tore it open and found a note that read thus: ore it open and found a note that read AMERIC

thus:
"The gas is leaking in the basement.
Please send a man up to fix it."
"I don't remember what I said when I charged home and found that the gas was

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It has often been suggested that the building of railroads through the Philippines would greatly facilitate their development. As applied to Luzon alone the suggestion is true. If a railroad should be built from the north and south of Luzon into and from Manila, it would double the population of that city and increase its export trade to a paying extent. It would have a still greater influence in the pacification and civilization of the people. They would become familiarized with one another and with ourselves. It would accustom them to the spread of modern ideas and result in a more general diffusion of knowledge. Spheres of foreign influence in China are scarcely more than lines of railroad, building and proposed. The people of the Philippines are divided into tribes, knowing little of one another and usually living in a state of armed neutrality. Under the Sparish regime the northern islanders were sent to southern garrisons, while the southern tribes were impressed der the Sparish regime the northern isl-anders were sent to southern garrisons, while the southern tribes were impressed into service in the north. The immediate effect of a transinsular railroad would be to lessen the feeling of tribal hostility and avoid the ever present danger of internal for the introduction of railroads.

The belt on handsome gowns has dwindled to a very narrow line: this is due to the new princess effect, and the desire to do away with any perceptible division between walst and skirt. The new clasps are the tiniest affairs imaginable, and the designs are exquisite. Two diminutive daisies with diamond centers are one of them. Another consists of two very small hearts set with pearis; another, coiled serpents jeweled with green and red stones. Pearls, spinels, olivines and diamonds are favorite gems for the enrichment of these gold clasps which come in solid and open work styles. The spinel is very much in favor just now, owing to the fad for the ruby, which it very closely resembles. They are often mistaken for it, although they lack the depth of that stone. Orange diamonds are the of that stone. Orange diamonds are the rage for those who can afford them. They are used as solitaires, or in two or three stoned rings in contrast with the purest white diamonds.

From the Fliegende Blactter.

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Artist (to attendant at Art museum)—
"How is that? My picture is hanging upside down!"

Attendant—"I'm sorry, but the hanging
committee thought that was right."

Artist—"Well, leave it that way. On the
whole I think I like it that way best myself."

From the Cleveland Leader.

"Wot you doin', Weary?"
"Pastin' anudder orful warnin' in m crapbook."
"Wot's de latest?" "Young woman dies in New York imme jutly after takin' a Rooshun bath!"

m the Philadelphia North American.

"Found!" cried the explorer as the North pole hove in sight. "I annex this district in the name of my gracious sovereign." "Too late," murmured a native laconical-ly. "All this district is under the control f the ice trust."

Wifely Woes

rom the Indianapolis Journal. From the Indianapolis Journal.

"No," said the married lady to her mother, "I have no idea where or how he spends his evenings. In fact, he is like the lamp; his going out leaves me in the dark."

"No," said Hungry Higgins, thoughtfully, "I can't exactly be called a shoplifter, though I do think I have likely hoisted a whole brewery in my time."

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The Origin of the Expression With Which General Sherman Was

From the New York Tribune. When General William T. Sherman was alive, he was often greeted with the shout, "Callber 54." Old soldiers would shout it sometimes without understanding its significance. Its origin is well deserving of a place in history, especially as it proves that even the little drummer boys who were in the field in the civil war, like the

late T. C. E. Ecclesine, often did as efficient service as the older boys.

"Caliber .54" had its origin at the battle of Shiloh. General Sherman was riding along over the field hurrying to get to his troops, when he heard a delicate voice calling: "General Sherman! General Sher-man!" The old war hero stopped, and the

man." The old war nero stopped, and the boy piped out:

"The — Illinois regiment is over there on the hill holding the rebels back as much as they can, and they're all out of ammunition and they want some." And then, with as much volume of volce as he could muster, he added: "Callber 54." That was the most important part of the message, for the wagon trains might have gone with loads of ammunition and if it hadn't been callber 54 it would not have been of the least use.

General Sherman got down from his hoise to pat the urchin's head, and to call him a "noble little fellow," when he saw three or four tears on the boy's cheek and he said: "There, don't cry, my little fellow; get right along back for we're going to whip them."

"I know that," said the boy, "but when I was coming over here to give you the colonel's message, a rebel's bullet struck me here (pointing to the call of his leg). I was crawling along the ground the best I could, and I knew I'd catch you."

Then the general assisted the lad to the hospital and a few days later he went callber 54" lives in history.

Mountain Rats in Colorado. boy piped out:
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H. P. Ufford, writing in the June Century of "Out of Doors in Colorado." describes the mountain rat as the only plague worse than the Canadian jay, popularly known as the "camprobber." Of the rat he says:

This fierce rodent is nearly twice the size of the Norway species, and is always ready for a fight. Besides his bellicose propensities, he is an arrant thief. The miners have a saying that he will steal anything but a red hot stove. He does not steal to satisfy hunger alone; he appears to be a kleptomaniac. Provoked by the depredations of the old graybeard who haunted our cabin, I one day assisted in harrying his castle, where I found the following articles: Four candles, one partly burned, three intact: two spoons, one knife, two forks, twenty-seven nalls, all sizes; one box of pills; one coffeepot lid and one tin cup; two pairs of socks, three handkerchiefs; one bottle of ink; three empty phials; one stick of giant powder with ten feet of fuse; beans, rice and dried apples galore. His spirit of mischief is as strong as his passion for stealing, and the honest miner solemnly avers that if you leave open a bag of beans and one of rice, howell not rest till he has made a clean transfer of all the beans to the rice bag, and vice versa. I know that more than once he has, during the night, filled one or both of my boots with the cones of the spruce tree. I have heard, also, of a veracious prospector who, returning from a trip without coffeepot frying pan and bakeoven, accounted for their absence by declaring that the mountain rats had carried them off, and emphasized his assertion by shooting through the leg a skeptic who was so injudicious as to doubt his word.